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SUBJECT: EC-CHINESE RELATIONS

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH MICHAEL RICHARDSON (SHO IS ON STAFF OF OUTGOING EC COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER SOAMES), WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE EC HAS RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO INTIMATION THAT AMBASSADOR HUAN HSIANG IS TO BE RECALLED. RICHARDSON INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT A LUNCHEON MEETING HE HAD SCHEDULED BETWEEN HIMSELF AND CHINESE MISSION OFFICER FOR DECEMBER 1 HAD BEEN CALLED OFF AT PRC REQUEST AT THE LAST MINUTE. HE SUMRMISES THAT THE PRC MISSION IS RUELUCTANT TO BE DRAWN OUT AT THIS MOMENT EITHER ON THE CURRENT RECALLS OF PRC AMBASSADORS OR ON PRESS REPORTS THAT THE PRC IS READYING A NEW APPROACH TO RELATIONS WITH THE EC.

2. ON THIS LAST POINT RICHARDSON INDICATED THAT WHEN PRC MISSION OFFICERS WERE CALLED IN TO THE COMMISSION LAST WEEK FOR A RUNDOWN ON THE EC RESPONSE TO CEMA'S PROPOSAL FOR A COOPERATION AGREEMENT, THEY HAD SIMPLY TAKEN NOTE OF THE EC'S PRESENTATION AND HAD MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT IN RETURN.

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3. RICHARDSON SAID THAT SOAMES INTENDS TO ASK

HUAN HSIANG IN FOR A FAREWELL CALL DURING THE NEXT WEEK
OR SO. HE HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE US WHATEVER IN-
FORMATION THEY MAY OBTAIN.HINTON

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